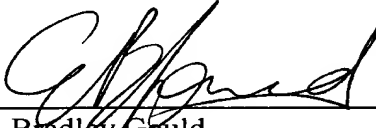


REMARKS

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over all of the cited references. Should any issues remain, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to expedite the allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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